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E.O. 11652 GDS  
TAGS: PORT, CY, TU  
SUBJ: CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS COMMITTEE

REFS: (A) USUN 2471; (B) NICOSIA 339

1. INAL BATU, MFA DIRECTOR DESIGNATE OF DEPARTMENT OF CYPRUS AND GREEK AFFAIRS, RAISED MISSING PERSONS ISSUE DURING COURTESY CALL JUNE 22 BY NICOSIA EMBOFFS DILLERY AND THURMAN. BATU NOTED THAT DENKTASH HAD AGREED DURING HIS RECENT TALKS IN NEW YORK TO THE CURRENT FORMULATION OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE, I.E., WORKING PAPER THREE, REV. FIVE. BY IMPLICATION, BATU SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT THE GOT WOULD GO ALONG WITH DENKTASH ON ACCEPTANCE OF THESE TERMS OF REFERENCE. THIS WAS DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE GOT WAS NOT VERY HAPPY WITH THE "INVISIBLE LINKAGE" BETWEEN PARAGRAPHS TWO AND TWELVE BY WHICH THE COMMITTEE COULD CONCEIVABLY VOTE TO ACCOMPLISH DISINTERMENT.

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2. BATU SAID THE GOT HAD BEEN TAKEN BY SURPRISE BY TWO ASPECTS OF THE DRAFT ICRC LETTER (REF A, PARA TWO). FIRST, HIS OFFICE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE GENEVA CONVENTION REFERRED TO IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH AND THIS REFERENCE WOULD HAVE TO BE STUDIED CAREFULLY. SECONDLY, TURKEY WAS TROBLED BY THE REFERENCE TO ICRC REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE'S RESULTS "AT THE END OF

SIX MONTHS OPERATION AND REGULARLY THEREAFTER."  
BATU SAID THIS SSEMED TO SUGGEST PERMANENT STATUS FOR  
THE COMMITTEE. BATU MADE IT CLEAR THAT DENKTASH COULD  
NOT AGREE TO THE ICRC LETTER UNTIL THE GOT HAD COMPLETED  
ITS REVIEW.

3. IN REPLY TO OUR SUGGESTION THAT ESTABLISHMENT  
OF THE COMMITTEE WOULD IN ITSELF CONSTITUTE AN IMPORTANT  
STEP FORWARD, BATU EMPHASIZED THAT IT WOULD BE PREFEREABLE  
IF THIS STEP WERE TAKEN IN PARALLEL WITH PROGRESS  
ON OTHER ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

4. COMMENT: BATU, WHO IS REPLACING EKREM GUVENDIREN,  
INITIATED THIS DISCUSSION AND HIS REMARKS WERE ENTIRELY  
POSITIVE IN TONE. HE CAME CLOSE TO SAYING THAT  
THE GOT WAS PREPARED TO AGREE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF  
THE COMMITTEE ON THE BASIS OF THE PRESENT TERMS OF  
REFERENCE, ALTHOUGH THE GOT MAY ASK FOR CHANGES  
IN THE DRAFT ICRC LETTER. WE WILL SEEK FURTHER  
CLARIFICATION AS OPPORTUNITY ARISES. SPIERS

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